



## Community Spotlight: Amy Aleman and Ana Acevedo

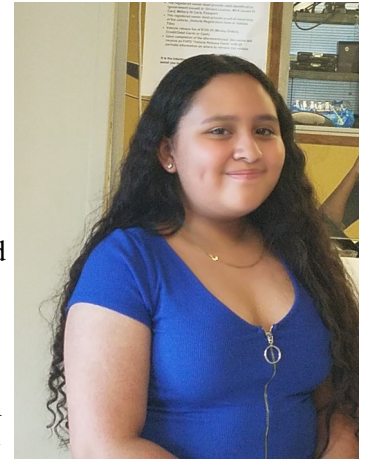
The Town of Forest Heights would like to take a moment to recognize some of its most passionate volunteers. We would not be where we are now without the commitment, diligence, and heart of those who heed the call to volunteer for their community.



Amy Aleman is 13 years old and attends Oxon Hill Middle School. She got involved with the garden by chance and out of curiosity. She had always seen the garden and wanted to know what it was. She got the chance to learn more by speaking to our volunteer coordinator Mrs. Darlene Kuny and decided she wanted to help out. Amy says that she loves gardening, she helped her grandmother in the garden and continues to help her mother with their personal garden in Forest Heights. She is involved in chorus, dance, cheer, softball and basketball in addition to volunteering. Her career ambition is to become a veterinarian. She is looking for track courses in Animal Study in Oxon Hill High. Loves pets. She has been volunteering for 5 years, and has her own plot in the garden. According to her, a typical day in the garden includes weeding during spring and summer, planting, and using butterfly net to chase away certain butterflies from plants. She says the easiest crop to use is cilantro, and the trickiest to grow is the tomato. One of her most

memorable moments is when she volunteered for the Haunted House, and accidentally scared a friend by walking through the back door.

Ana Acevedo is 14 and goes to Oxon Hill High School. She is friends with Amy and found out about the volunteer opportunities through her. She has been volunteering for 3 years, and has helped make a real difference at Forest Heights. Along with Amy, she has helped out in the Forest Heights Day parade by holding the Town Banner, providing scares in the Haunted House, and making the Town beautiful with the Spring and Fall Cleanups. Her most memorable moment is having friends stop by the garden while she was working, and didn't even know that the Town had a garden.



When asked, both would recommend volunteering, saying that they got to have fun while helping the community. They both loved living in the Town of Forest Heights, stating that they would want to continue to live here as adults. Their work and dedication is what makes Forest Heights a special community, and we are grateful to have volunteers like them to showcase our Town as having many cultures, and one voice.

## Community News

### Forest Heights Haunted Frights



The Town of Forest Heights hosted its Haunted House on October 18, 19, 25, and 26. The Safe Harvest Party was held for children 13 and under on Saturday, October 19. We had a great turnout, and look forward to more events to give back to the community and offer our children a safe and fun place to celebrate.

Thanks to Citgo Gas, Norris Garage, Forest Heights Baptist Church, CK Harbor Inc, and 7/11 for your donations. You helped to make this event truly special. Thanks to Councilman Johnathon Kennedy, Councilman Calvin Washington, and Councilwoman Taunya Hines

for organizing these celebrations for the community. Special thanks to the officers of the Forest Heights Police Department for their time spent making sure everyone is safe, and to Papa John's for helping to feed our guests.



### FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE OCTOBER 2019

911 DISCONNECT	34	SCHOOL ALARM	1
ACCIDENT	6	STOLEN VEHICLE	3
ASSIST	1	SUBJECT STOP	3
BLS COMBINED	2	SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)	6
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3
BREAK IN REPORT	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	7
CDS COMPLAINT	2	THEFT JO	1
CHECK WELFARE	3	THEFT REPORT	2
CHECK WELFARE COMBINED	2	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	6
DEATH REPORT COMBINED	1	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	18
DISORDERLY	18	VANDALISM	1
DOMESTIC	10	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMBINED	3
DOMESTIC W/WEAPON	3	WARRANT SERVICE	1
FAMILY DISPUTE	6	<b>Total Calls Handled:</b>	<b>230</b>
FIGHT	2		
FOUND	1		
GUNSHOTS	1		
HIT AND RUN	3		
LOCK OUT IN	1		
LOST PROPERTY	2		
MISC POLICE INCIDENTS	5		
NOTIFICATION	1		
PREMISE CHECK	51		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	5		
REPORTED T/A ROBBERY	1		
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	11		
RESIDENTIAL PANIC ALARM	1		

#### POLICE STATION

**5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE**

**This Station is Open to the Public**

**Monday through Friday**

**8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**301-839-4040**

**(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)**

**(301) 352-1200**





## Community News

### FOREST HEIGHTS FALL CLEANUP



On Saturday, October 19, 2019 the Town of Forest Heights held its annual fall cleanup. The Fall Cleanup removed trash from Livingston Road, Talbert Drive, and the Oxon Run Stream by Forest Heights Elementary School. We had 30 volunteers who picked up over 50 bags of trash and recycling, planted flowers in the Community Gathering Space, and removed a total of over 750 bottles from the roads. It is important



that trash be kept out of the waterways, as it can impact the environment and community health for many years. Thanks to the Alice Ferguson Foundation and Ms. Samantha Battersby for providing extra supplies and an informative lesson on recycling and decomposition in landfills. Thanks to the Pasto Fletcher and Faith City Church in Upper Marlboro for their support. Special thanks to Councilwoman Taunya Hines, the Town's Department of Public Works, Town Clerk Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins, Administrative Assistant Ms. Kathleen Via, and Police Chief Anthony Rease.



**AS A REMINDER:** Every home, lot, or vacant area within the Town limits shall be kept clean and presentable and free from rubbish, debris, garbage or litter (Town Ordinance Section 11.2)

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#### CARE ACT OPEN ENROLLMENT.

The Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Period for 2020 will be open from **Thursday, November 1, 2019 to Sunday, December 15 2019.** Go to [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to sign up for coverage, learn more information, or to keep or update your existing plan. If you don't act by **December 15**, you can't get 2020 coverage unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Plans sold during Open Enrollment start January 1, 2020.

Questions? Contact the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange at 1-855-642-8572 or go to [www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov).

### TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

#### COME OUT FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

6:30 - 7:30 PM

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE  
FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

#### TOWN CLOSINGS AND SCHEDULE

The Town of Forest Heights will be closed **Monday, November 11, 2019** for Veterans Day. We will re-open **Tuesday, November 12, 2019** at 8:30 am.

The Town of Forest Heights will be closed **Thursday, November 28** for Thanksgiving. We will re-open on **Friday, November 29** at 8:30 AM.

Bulk Trash will be picked up **Friday, November 29, 2019.**

#### FOREST HEIGHTS COAT DRIVE

Help keep someone warm this season. The Town of Forest Heights will be holding a Coat Drive from November 1 to December 24. Coats can be dropped off at the Municipal Building Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. All sizes are appreciated.



## ***Community News***

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 05-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND REVISING ARTICLE 13 (NUISANCES, MORALS AND CONDUCT) OF THE TOWN ORDINANCE CODE, BY CHANGING, ADOPTING, AMENDING, OR RE-ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SAID ARTICLE INCLUDING ADOPTING REVISED SECTION 13.10 HAVING A NEW CATCH PHRASE (PRE-AUTHORIZATION OF POLICE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ENFORCE TRESPASS STATUTES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY) TO AUTHORIZE THE SAME; AND BY AMENDING AND READOPTING THE PRIOR SECTION 13.10 AS NEW SECTION 13.11 (VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES) TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF SAME AS A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO NUISANCES, MORALS AND CONDUCT OF PERSONS LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS.**

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad



#### **TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Part Time Building Custodian**

Working Hrs. Monday thru. Friday 7:00 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Supervisor: Public Works Director

Opens: Friday, November 1, 2019. Closes Friday, November 15, 2019.

Duties are as follows:

- Cleaning of front entrance, steps as well as handicap ramp
- Sweep and mop main lobby and hallway and vacuum entrance rug each day
- Restrooms floors are to be swept, mopped and disinfected daily. Urinals, commodes, sinks, mirrors cleaned daily
- Restrooms are to be restocked daily as needed
- Vacuum daily all carpets (upper and lower levels), empty paper shredder and all trash cans in the building daily
- Clean all glass windows: Administration door, customer window and Police Department window
- Mop kitchen floor, clean counter once a week or as needed
- Clean out refrigerator, both microwaves once a week or as needed
- Cleaning of blinds, windowsills, baseboards, moping wood floors, vacuum stage area of upstairs multipurpose room.
- Buff Wood floors in the upstairs multipurpose room once a week.
- During a snow event, shovel and salt both front and rear steps and ramps.
- Other duties to be assigned by Mayor, Town Administrator and/or Public Works Director as deemed necessary.
- Report any maintenance issues you may encounter to Public Works Director

This position does not provide employee benefits.

All interested persons may submit a Town of Forest Heights application by email, in person or by mail to:

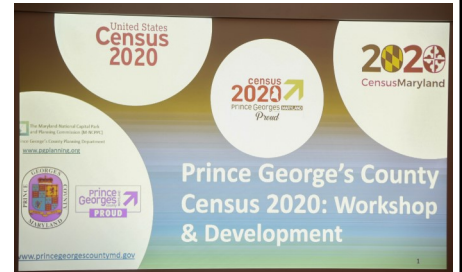
The Town of Forest Heights  
c/o Public Works Director  
5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745  
Email: [Ldvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:Ldvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov)



## Community News



The Forest Heights Census Kick-Off was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Municipal Building. The Town of Forest Heights is working to make sure everyone is counted, because the Census makes “CENTS” for Prince George’s County. Thanks to ECKERD Connects and Team Builders for providing information and assistance on job training opportunities. Thanks to Mr. Mosley, Sr. for his coordination of the event, and Mr. Thomas Johnson II of the Prince George’s Census. Photographs courtesy of Public Works Director Mr. Larry Vaughn. In addition to learning more about the importance of the Census, participants also brainstormed ways to get hard to count populations involved in the process. An accurate Census helps give the county the support it needs to help its residents, and everyone can do their part because everyone counts. Stay tuned for future events and outreach programs.





## ***Health and Community News***



**Are you doing all you can for your health?  
Senior Exercise Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays.  
Class Begins at 12:00 Noon.**

### **HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR NEWS**

The next Forest Heights seminar will be **Monday, November 18, 2019** at 1PM on diabetes. You must call 301-839-1030 to RSVP.



### **FOREST HEIGHTS CENSUS PROGRAMS**

On Saturday, October 12, 2019 the Town of Forest Heights and the U.S Census sponsored a trip to the Smithsonian Museum of American History, as part of a celebration and awareness for Hispanic Heritage Month. We had a great turnout and learned more about the contributions and achievements of Hispanic Americans. Thanks to Mr. Mosley.



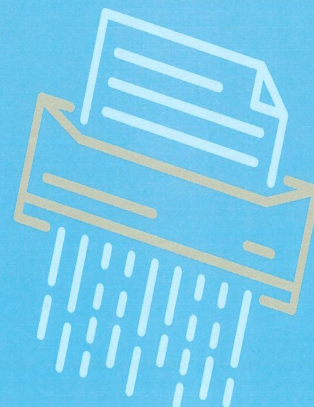
## **TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SHREDDING**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9, 2019**

**9 AM - 12 PM**




**FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER**

5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745





# Community Calendar

## November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Daylight Savings	4 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm 	5	6 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	7 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	8	9 Community Shredding 9AM-12PM
10	11 Veterans Day. Town Hall Closed Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	12	13 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	14 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	15	16
17	18 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Healthy Heights Seminar 1-2pm	19	20 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Neighborhood Watch 630pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm 	21 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	22	23
24	25 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	26	27 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	28 Thanksgiving. Town Hall Closed NO BULK PICKUP 	29 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	30

## December 2019

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## Town Community News (continued)

### NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER?



If you or someone you know is not receiving the Newsletter, call 301-839-1030 or email [kvvia@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:kvvia@forestheightsmd.gov). You can also view the newsletters online at [forestheightsmd.gov](http://forestheightsmd.gov).

### WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE STILL AVAILABLE

The Town of Forest Heights, as part of the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration, is offering free weatherization upgrades to qualifying homeowners. Qualification is based on income level. Veterans/Retired homeowners will be given preference. To find out more about the program and how to apply, visit the Municipal Building to pickup a brochure during normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00PM.



**KEEP THE SIDEWALKS CLEAR:** As we enter fall, please take the time to rake up any Yard Waste and keep it from spilling on the sidewalk. Grass clippings can be a tripping hazard, especially after wet weather. Failure to sweep up Yard Waste is subject to a fine under Article 19.1 of the Town Ordinance.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2:00 AM. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour back, and look forward to more light in the mornings.

**Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.**



PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

**MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling**

**Forest Heights Residents:**

**Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste.**

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles

Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

**THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less)**

**METAL PICK-UP :** Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each.

**Mayor Habib-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223**

[Hmuhammad@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:Hmuhammad@forestheightsmd.gov)

### TOWN COUNCIL

#### Ward I

**Robert Barnes**

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**Cynthia Mann**

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#### Ward III

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**Paula Noble**

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### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

**Linwood Robinson, Town Administrator— ext. 1234**

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[shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov)

**Kathleen Via, Administrative Assistant—ext. 1229**

[kvvia@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:kvvia@forestheightsmd.gov)

**Leittia Vaughn, Town Treasurer—ext. 1235**

[lvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:lvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov)

**Larry Vaughn, Public Works Director—ext 1231**

[ldvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:ldvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov)

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**(301) 839-4040**

**Chief of Police, Anthony Rease—ext. 1224**

[chief@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:chief@forestheightsmd.gov)

**Tessie Hoffmann, Police Clerk—ext. 1225**

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

**Joseph Hawkins—ext.1228**

[codeenforcement@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@forestheightsmd.gov)

**Information Line (240) 493-6998**

**Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200**

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

[www.forestheightsmd.gov](http://www.forestheightsmd.gov)

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

**Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236**  
8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Forest Heights Notary (by appointment)**

9 am -12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm Monday - Friday



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IN MARYLAND IN VIRGINIA IN D.C.

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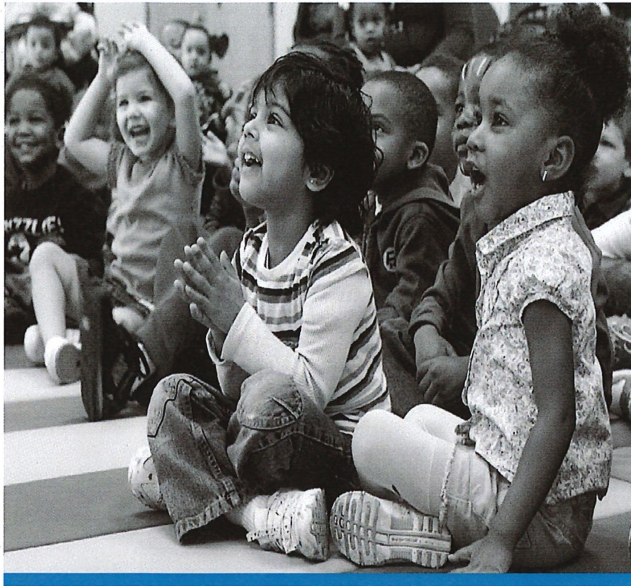
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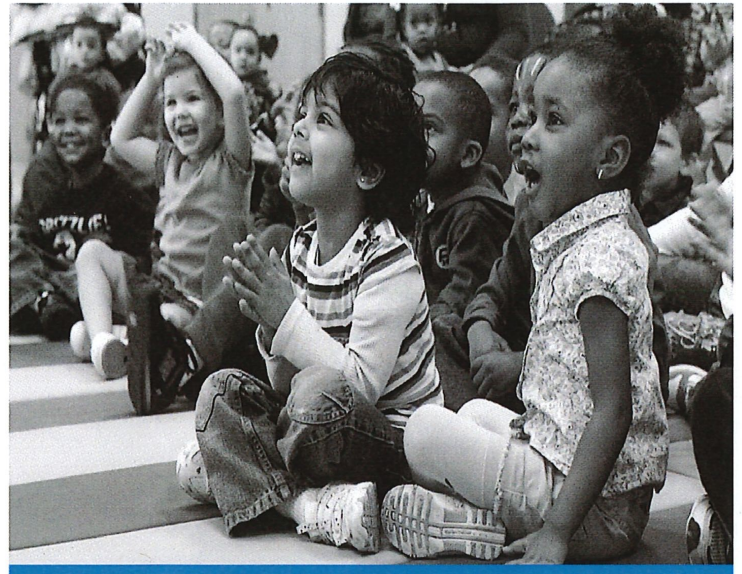
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